

REMARKS

Specification

Applicants have amended the Specification. Specifically, Applicants have amended the Title. Applicants respectfully submit that the Specification, as amended, complies with the requirements of the MPEP and 37 CFR.

Election/Restrictions

By the Office Action dated September 17, 2008, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- (1) Group I claims 1-6, 19, and 21; and
- (2) Group II claims 7-18, 20, and 22.

(See Office Action, page 2, paragraph 1.)

Group II claims 7-18, 20, and 22 have been canceled without prejudice. Group I claims 1-6, 19, and 21 remain pending in the application.

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants elect for continued prosecution the Group I claims 1-6, 19, and 21 “drawn to Pattern matching access, classified in class 707, subclass 6”. (See Office Action, page 2, paragraph 1.) In order to advance prosecution, Applicants have canceled Group II claims 7-18, 20, and 22 without prejudice. In addition, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a divisional application on the unelected Group II claims 7-18, 20, and 22.

Conclusion

It is therefore clear that Group I claims 1-6, 19, and 21 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 121. The application is therefore in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended. In the event that any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 408-927-3377.

Respectfully Submitted,

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